

Capitola City Council

Agenda Report



Meeting: January 25, 2024

From: Public Works Department

Subject: Capitola Wharf Resiliency Project Funding

Recommended Action: Adopt a resolution authorizing the acceptance of grant funds from the California Natural Resources Agency for the Capitola Wharf Resiliency and Public Access Project, authorizing the City Manager to execute the grant agreement on behalf of the City, and amending the FY 2023-24 Adopted Budget.

Background: The primary objective of the Wharf Phase 2 Project is to enhance the resilience of the most vulnerable section of the Wharf, which has suffered the most significant damage in the past. This involves widening the trestle portion and conducting structural repairs throughout. The project also addresses damages incurred during the storm event on January 5, 2023, particularly at the midspan and head of the structure, including decking, trestle, piles, lighting, and stairways. The widened trestle aims to mitigate future damage to the midspan of the Wharf. In July 2023, the City contracted Cushman Contracting to undertake the Wharf Resiliency Project, which began work in September and is currently underway.

Funding for the Wharf Phase 2 Project comes from various sources. The City secured grants for the project from the California Coastal Conservancy (CCC) in 2020 (\$1.3M) and HUD in 2022 (\$3.5M). The City's insurance claim payout for storm damage is estimated at \$1M. The remaining project funds are budgeted from Measure F and the General Fund.

This summer, with support from State Senator John Laird, State Assembly Bill 102 was passed, allocating \$500,000 for "Capitola Wharf Resiliency".

Discussion: To accept the funding, which will be administered by the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA), the City Council must adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept the funding and sign a grant agreement with CNRA. The grant funding will contribute to the construction costs associated with the project.

Fiscal Impact: This will increase State Grant Funding in the FY 2023-24 Capital Improvement Program Adopted Budget by \$500,000. The adopted FY 2023-24 budget allocated \$8.9M for completion of construction of this project, bringing total project funding to \$9.4M.

There is no match associated with this grant funding. There are no fiscal impacts associated with the recommended action.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): This action does not constitute a "project" pursuant to Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act.

Attachments:

1. Resolution

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